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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

PETITION TO ADD RULE 38(j),
REGARDING ADMISSION TO THE
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Pursuant to Rule 28(D), Rules of the Supreme Court, the undersigned respectfully submits this Response for the Court's Consideration.

The Military Spouse JD Network (MSJDN) supports the State Bar's conditional admissions proposal, but requests consideration of two concerns highlighted in Elaine O'Hara's formal comment. The State Bar's proposed amended rule generally addresses concerns regarding compliance and knowledge of Arizona's professional conduct rules through a modified supervision requirement. Specifically, the State Bar proposal would require employment by local counsel and conditional licensing for one year increments. As the State Bar noted, the requirement of local counsel would protect any future clients from any potential negative impact if a military spouse needs to move on short notice.

The proposed amended rule should allow military spouses to continue to qualify for Arizona bar membership when a service member spouse is assigned to an unaccompanied or remote follow-on assignment and the spouse remains in Arizona. As Elaine O'Hara notes, some duty assignments require that dependents stay behind.

Additionally, MSJDN supports Elaine O'Hara's language in place of paragraph 7(v) of the amended proposed rule considering the Department of Defense does not include spouse's names on all duty-orders. If documentation is required to establish proof of orders in the state and dependent status, photocopies of a service-member's duty orders and an applicant's military dependent identification card should suffice.

MSJDN also encourages the Court to adopt both a policy for fee waivers and late bar examination registration for qualifying military spouse attorneys as suggested by the Chairs of the Committees on Attorney Regulatory Advisory, Character and Fitness, and Examinations. Both policies would serve to directly accommodate the unique needs of military spouse attorneys. Last minute Permanent Changes of Duty-Station (PCS) often prevent spouse attorneys from registering for the most current bar examination date. Additionally, frequent PCSs every two to three years often result in multiple bar applications and examinations which are extremely costly for military families.

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